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H.R. 6063 - NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION

ACT OF 2008 (Rep. Udall (CO) – Science) (Complete Consideration)

Bill Text: HTML Version, PDF Version

Bill Summary and Status

Rules Committee Meeting: H.Res. 1257: Rule and Committee Report, Special

Announcement, Text of the Bill as Ordered Reported Committee: Committee on Science and Technology

Committee Staff Contact: 5-6375

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

H.R. 6063 - THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the dawn of the United States space program. NASA is the nation's primary civil space and aeronautics R&D agency, and its current civil service workforce consists of approximately 18,400 employees. NASA conducts research and development activities in a wide range of disciplines including aeronautics, astrophysics, heliophysics, planetary science, Earth science and applications, microgravity research, and long-term technology development. NASA also operates a fleet of three Space Shuttles and is assembling and operating the International Space Station (ISS). NASA also maintains a space communications network that supports both NASA missions and other federal agency requirements. NASA's current authorization expires September 30, 2008.

H.R. 6063, the NASA Authorization Act of 2008 reaffirms the basic principles that NASA is and should remain a multi-mission agency with a balanced portfolio of programs in science, aeronautics, and human space flight, including human and robotic exploration beyond low Earth orbit. In addition, the bill also emphasizes the importance of NASA leadership in Earth observations and research, aeronautics R&D to address critical national needs such as the NextGen air traffic control management system, and an exploration program strengthened by international cooperation under strong U.S. leadership.

H.R. 6063 authorizes \$20.21 billion in funding for NASA in FY2009. This includes \$19.21 for:

- Science (\$4,932,200,000)
- Aeronautics (\$853,400,000)
- Exploration (\$3,886,000,000)
- Education (\$128,300,000)
- Space Operations (\$6,074,400,000)
- Cross-Agency Support Programs (\$3,299,900,000)
- Inspector General: (\$35,500,000)

The bill also includes \$1 billion in augmented funding to accelerate the development of the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) and Ares I Crew Launch Vehicle (CLV), which will replace the Space Shuttle. The Shuttle will be retired in 2010 and the CEV/CLV are currently not expected to be completed until 2015. The \$1 billion in augmented funding will help close this gap, when the U.S. will be reliant on other countries or commercial services (if they are available) for transportation to the International Space Station.

H.R. 6063 also adds an additional Space Shuttle flight to deliver the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer to the International Space Station (ISS) and contains provisions addressing near-Earth objects (such as asteroids), commercial initiatives including commercial crew services, NASA institutional capabilities, space weather, space traffic management, innovation prizes, astronaut health care, and study of export control policies.

H.R. 6063 includes recommendations and findings from 16 hearings that the Science and Technology Committee held throughout the 110th Congress to review every major aspect of NASA's programs. The bill was approved by the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee on May 20 and the full Science and Technology Committee on June 4, both by voice vote.

PENDING AMENDMENT VOTES:

- Lampson (TX): Exempts NASA from Section 526(a) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 if the contract does not specifically require the contractor to provide an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional source, the purpose of the contract is not to obtain an alternative or synthetic fuel or fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source, and the contract does not provide incentives for a refinery upgrade or expansion to allow a refinery to use or increase its use of fuel from a nonconventional petroleum source. (10 minutes)
- Hodes (NH): Establishes a scholarship program in honor of Christa McAulliffe, a teacher from Concord, New Hampshire who died in the 1986 Challenger Space Shuttle disaster. The scholarship would go to women pursuing degrees in mathematics, science, and engineering. (10 minutes)

House Report 110-702:

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Full Committee on Science and Technology Mark-up:

<u>Full Committee Markup of H.R. 6063</u>: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008, June 4, 2008

- National Journal Report: House Committee OKs \$20.2B NASA Authorization Bill
- Opening Statements: <u>Chairman Bart Gordon (D-TN)</u>, <u>Subcommittee Chairman Mark</u> Udall (D-CO)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- Chairman Gordon, D-Tenn. Manager's Amendment Would: Add to the list of duties of the Joint Aeronautics Research and Development Advisory Committee the responsibility to make recommendations for, and to monitor development and implementation of, processes for transitioning research and development from NASA and the Federal Aviation Administration to outside entities for additional development. Add a sense of Congress statement that NASA should move forward with plans for an Outer Planets program mission to the Europa-Jupiter system or the Titan-Saturn system as soon as practicable within a balanced Planetary Science program. Direct the NASA administrator to provide the results of an assessment of existing research equipment and support equipment that are manifested for flight to the appropriate congressional committees within 18 months of the bill's enactment. Direct the NASA administrator to provide the results of an assessment of NASA's laboratories capabilities to the appropriate congressional committees within 18 months of the bill's enactment. Require the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) director to work with other appropriate federal agencies to create an interagency committee to conduct a study. The OSTP would be required to submit a report by the end of May 2010 to the appropriate congressional committees on the study's results. It would require NASA to contract with an appropriate organization to create an outreach and technology assistance program to help transfer NASA knowledge and technology to small businesses around the country. The program would support the mission of NASA's Innovative Partnerships Program to provide technical assistance through partnerships with industry and other entities. NASA would be required to submit a report on the program's efforts within one year of the bill's enactment and every year thereafter to the appropriate committees. The amendment would authorize \$4 million in fiscal 2009 to establish the program. The money would come from funds available for the Innovative Partnerships Program. Adopted by Voice Vote.
- Rep. Gingrey, R-Ga. Amendment Repeal Section of 2007 Energy Law Would have repealed a section of the 2007 energy law that would prohibit federal agencies from buying alternative fuels unless the substances produce less greenhouse gases than conventional fuel sources. Ruled not Germane.
- Rep. B. Gordon, D-Tenn. Table Appeal of Ruling of the Chair Motion to table the Gingrey, R-Ga., appeal of the ruling of the chair that his amendment was not in order because it was not germane to the bill and not within the committee's jurisdiction.
 Agreed to 20-14: R 0-14; D 20-0; I 0-0.
- Rep. Gingrey, R-Ga. Amendment Waive A Section of 2007 Energy Law Would have waived the prohibition in a section of the 2007 energy law related to federal agencies buying alternative fuels unless the substances produce less greenhouse gases than conventional fuel sources, if the waiver is deemed necessary by the NASA administrator to further the agency's mission. Ruled not Germane.
- Rep. B. Gordon, D-Tenn. Table Appeal of Ruling of the Chair Motion to table the Gingrey, R-Ga., appeal of the ruling of the chair that his amendment was not in order because it was not germane to the bill and not within the committee's jurisdiction.
 Agreed to 22-15: R 0-15; D 22-0; I 0-0.
- Vote to Report: Favorably Reported to the Full House, as Amended, by Voice Vote.

Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics Mark-up:

Markup of H.R. 6063: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2008, May 20, 2008

- <u>National Journal Report</u>: House Subcommittee Backs \$20.2 Billion NASA Authorization
- Opening Statement: Rep. Mark Udall

Summary of Committee Vote:

Vote to Report: Favorably Reported to the Full Committee by Voice Vote.

CRS Reports:

RL33568: The International Space Station and the Space Shuttle RS22818: National Aeronautics and Space Administration: Overview, FY2009 Budget,

and Issues for Congress

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

CBO Report:

Cost Estimate: Ordered Reported by the Committee on Science and Technology

Committee on Science and Technology Hearings:

NASA's Aeronautics R&D Program: Status and Issues>>

May 1, 2008 — Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics

- Hearing Charter
- Opening Statement: Chairman Mark Udall
- Witness Statements: <u>Mr. Jaiwon Shin</u>, <u>Mr. Carl J. Meade</u>, <u>Mr. Preston A. Henne</u>, <u>Dr. Ilan Kroo</u>

NASA's Exploration Initiative: Status and Issues>>

April 3, 2008 — Full Committee on Science and Technology

- Hearing Charter
- Opening Statement: Chairman Mark Udall
- Witness Statements: <u>Dr. Richard Gilbrech</u>, <u>Ms. Cristina T. Chaplain</u>, <u>Dr. Noel</u> Hinners, Dr. Kathryn Thornton

NASA's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request>>

February 13, 2008 — Full Committee on Science and Technology

- Hearing Charter
- Opening Statements: Chairman Bart Gordon, Chairman Mark Udall
- Witness Statement: Dr. Michael Griffin

NASA's International Space Station Program: Status and Issues>>

April 24, 2008 — Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics

- Hearing Charter
- Opening Statement: Chairman Mark Udall
- Witness Statements: Mr. William Gerstenmaier, Ms. Cristina T. Chaplain, Dr. Edward P. Knipling, Dr. Cheryl Nickerson, Mr. Thomas Pickens III, Dr. Louis Stodieck, Dr. Jeffrey Sutton

NASA's Science Programs: Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request and Issues>>

March 13, 2008 — Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics

- Hearing Charter
- Opening Statement: Rep. Mark Udall
- Witness Statements: <u>Dr. S. Alan Stern</u>, <u>Dr. Lennard A. Fisk</u>, <u>Dr. Berrien Moore III</u>, <u>Dr. Steven W. Squyres</u>, <u>Dr. Jack O. Burns</u>

Organization Statements:

(TBA)

Administration Position:

Statement of Administration Policy.

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

H.R. 6063 Summary — Committee on Science and Technology

H.R. 6063 Section by Section — Committee on Science and Technology

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

<u>Committee Approves NASA Authorization Act</u>, Committee on Science and Technology, June 4, 2008

<u>Subcommittee Passes NASA Authorization Act</u>, Committee on Science and Technology, May 20, 2008

Other Resources:

Cosponsors of H.R. 6063

H.R. 5781 - FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT OF 2008 (Rep. Maloney – Government and Oversight Reform) (Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: HTML Version, PDF Version

Bill Summary and Status

Rules Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol, Special Announcement, Meeting Time: 5pm Tuesday 6/17, Amendment Deadline: 10am Tuesday 6/17, Text of Bill as Reported, Oversight & Government Reform Committee Report: 110-624 Pt. 1

Committee: Committee on Government and Oversight Reform

Committee Staff Contact: 5-5051

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

H.R. 5781, THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES PAID PARENTAL LEAVE ACT

Under existing law, most federal and congressional employees are entitled to a total of 12 workweeks of unpaid leave during any 12-month period due to the birth or adoption of a child. Federal employees must currently use accrued annual or sick leave, if available, if they want to receive pay for any of the time that they are out on parental leave. This policy is particularly difficult for newer employees who have not accrued much leave or employees who have used up their leave. Many employees cannot afford to take unpaid leave, and are forced to choose between spending more time with their new child or maintaining an income to support their family.

H.R. 5781, as amended, will help families by providing four weeks of paid parental leave to federal and congressional employees. In addition to the four weeks, employees will also be allowed to use any accrued annual or sick leave for parental leave. Unlike current law, employees using their sick leave for parental leave will not need to demonstrate a medical need for the leave. The bill also authorizes the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to extend the parental leave period to up to eight weeks. Enactment of this measure will ensure that the federal government, as an employer, is providing the type of benefits offered to government workers in other industrialized countries. This family friendly measure will also have a positive impact on the ability of the federal government to attract and retain a highly qualified workforce.

House Report 110-624:

Part 1: HTML Version, PDF Version

Full Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Mark-up:

Business Meeting, Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, April 16, 2008

Summary of Committee Votes:

- Rep. Issa, R-Calif. No Additional Funding Amendment Would have expressed the sense of Congress that no additional funding should go toward paid parental leave for federal employees. Rejected 11-17: R 11-0; D 0-17; I 0-0.
- Rep. Issa, R-Calif. Eliminate Paid Parental Leave Amendment Would have eliminated the section of the bill that would give federal employees four paid weeks of parental leave in the event of a birth or adoption. Rejected 10-20: R 10-0; D 0-20; I 0-0.
- Vote to Report: Favorably Reported to the Full House, as Amended, by a Roll Call Vote of 21-10: R 2-10; D 19-0; I 0-0.

<u>Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service, and D.C. Mark-up:</u>

Markup of H.R. 5781, April 15, 2008

National Journal Report: Subpanel Advances Federal Paid Parental Leave Bill

Summary of Committee Vote:

- <u>Chairman Waxman, D-Calif. Four Weeks Paid Leave Amendment</u> Cut the paid parental leave time outlined in the bill in from eight weeks to four weeks. The amendment would give federal employees four weeks of paid parental leave, but would also allow federal employees to use up to eight additional weeks of accrued sick leave. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Vote to Report: Favorably Reported to the Full Committee, as Amended by a Roll Call Vote of 7-3: R 0-3; D 7-0; I 0-0.

CRS Reports:

RL34088: Leave Benefits in the United States

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

CBO Report:

<u>Cost Estimate</u>: Ordered Reported by the Committee on Government and Oversight Reform

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Hearings:

Amtrak Reauthorization>>

May 14, 2008 — Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

- Full Summary of Subject Matter, Video of the Hearing
- Opening Statements: <u>Chairman James L. Oberstar</u>, <u>Subcommittee Chair, Corrine</u> Brown
- Witness Testimony: Mr. Alexander Kummant, Mr. Frank Busalacchi, Mr. Ed Wytkind, Mr. Jed Dodd, Mr. Kevin Corbett

Organization Statements:

(TBA)

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

Employees Paid Parental Leave Act, Background Packet — Oversight and Government Reform

<u>Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2008</u> — Oversight and Government Reform

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

<u>Committee Passes Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act</u>, Oversight and Government Reform, April 17, 2008

Other Resources:

Cosponsors of H.R.5781

H.R. 5876 - STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT OF 2008

(Rep. George Miller - Education and Labor) (Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: HTML Version, PDF Version

Bill Summary and Status

Rules Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol, Special Announcement, Meeting Time: 5pm Tuesday 6/17, Amendment Deadline: 4pm Monday 6/16, Text of Bill as Reported, Education & Labor Committee Report: 110-669

Committee: Committee on Education and Labor

Committee Staff Contact: 5-3725

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

KEEPING KIDS SAFE

THE STOP CHILD ABUSE IN RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS FOR TEENS ACT OF 2008

An estimated 20,000 to 30,000 U.S. teenagers attend private residential programs – including

therapeutic boarding schools, wilderness camps, boot camps, and behavior modification facilities – that are intended to help them with behavioral, emotional, or mental health problems.

Depending on the state where they are located, some of these programs are regulated; some are

not. As a result of this loose patchwork of regulations, reports of child abuse at the programs

have frequently gone unchecked. The Government Accountability Office found thousands of

allegations of child abuse and neglect at private residential programs for teens between 1994

and 2007. Tragically, in a number of cases, this abuse and neglect led to the death of a child.

To address this urgent problem, the "Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of

2008" (H.R. 5876) would:

Keep teens safe with new national standards for private residential programs

Specifically, the legislation would:

- Prohibit programs from physically or mentally abusing children in their care;
- Prohibit programs from denying children essential water, food, clothing, shelter, or medical care – whether as a form of punishment or for any other reason;
- Require that programs only physically restrain children if it is necessary for their safety or the safety of others, and to do so in a way that is consistent with existing federal law on the use of restraints;
- Require programs to provide children with reasonable access to a telephone and inform children of their right to use the phone;
- Require programs to train staff in understanding what constitutes child abuse and neglect and how to report it; and
- Require programs to have plans in place to provide emergency medical care.

Prevent deceptive marketing by residential programs for teens

Specifically, the legislation would:

- Require programs to disclose to parents the qualifications, roles, and responsibilities
 of all current staff members;
- Require programs to notify parents of substantiated reports of child abuse or violations of health and safety laws; and
- Require programs to include a link or web address for the website of the U.S.
 Department of Health and Human Services, which will carry information on all private residential programs.

Hold teen residential programs accountable for violating the law

Specifically, the legislation would:

- Require the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to conduct unannounced site inspections of every private teen residential program in the country at least once every two years;
- Give HHS the authority to assess civil penalties of up to \$50,000 against programs for every violation of the law; and
- Give parents the right to sue in federal court program operators that violate national standards.

Ask states to step in to protect teens in residential programs

Three years after enactment, the legislation would provide certain federal grant money to states only if they develop their own standards (that are at least as strong as national standards) for public and private residential programs for teens and inspect the programs at least once every two years. The national standards would remain in place and parents would retain their ability to sue in federal court. The Department of Health and Human Services would continue to inspect programs, but would not have to conduct inspections of every program every two years in states that have adopted and are effectively enforcing their own standards. In addition, the legislation would require HHS to investigate any death or pattern of violations at a program.

House Report 110-669:

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Full Committee on Education and Labor Mark-up:

Markup of H.R.5876: "Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008", May 14, 2008

- Opening Statement: Chairman Miller
- <u>National Journal Report</u>: House Education Clears Bill To Regulate Juvenile Boot Camps

Summary of Committee Votes:

- Rep. R. Bishop, R-Utah Personal Information Amendment to the Substitute
 Amendment Bars the government from disclosing the personal information of abuse victims in reports on residential treatment programs for teens. Adopted by Voice Vote.
- Rep. McKeon, R-Calif. Substitute Amendment to the Substitute Amendment Would have required that states' regulatory and monitoring systems for teen residential programs be in place within 18 months. The states would bear the responsibility for regulation, instead of the federal government. The amendment also would have required that all programs, including publicly run programs, be subject to the new regulations. The amendment would have: Eliminated the private right of action provision, which would grant parents the right to sue program operators who violate national standards in federal court: Required background checks for residential program employees: and Created a federal database and national hotline for residential program abuses. Rejected 17-24: R 17-0; D 0-24; I 0-0.
- Rep. T. Price, R-Ga. Earmarks Amendment to the Substitute Amendment Would have reduced the authorization in the underlying bill by 10 percent and include a prohibition on child abuse funds to be used for congressional earmarks. The amendment also would have prohibited federal funds from being awarded to programs found to be in violation of the terms of the bill. Rejected 18-25: R 18-0; D 0-25; I 0-0.
- Rep. T. Price, R-Ga. Attorneys' Fees Amendment to the Substitute Amendment
 — Would have limited attorneys' fees in cases brought against residential programs to
 \$1,000 an hour. Rejected 17-25: R 17-0; D 0-25; I 0-0.
- Rep. Foxx, R-N.C. Federal Lawsuits Amendment to the Substitute Amendment
 — Would have struck from the bill the right of families to sue for abuse at residential treatment programs in federal court. Rejected 17-26: R 17-1; D 0-25; I 0-0.
- <u>Chairman George Miller, D-Calif. Substitute Amendment</u> Requires states to implement the bill's basic health and safety licensing standards in publicly operated residential programs as well as private programs. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Vote to Report: Favorably Reported to the Full House, as Amended, by a Roll Call Vote of 27-16: R 2-16; D 25-0; I 0-0 (Roll Call No. 5).

CRS Reports:

(TBA)

GAO Reports:

<u>GAO-08-346</u>: Residential Facilities: Improved Data and Enhanced Oversight Would Help Safeguard the Well-Being of Youth with Behavioral and Emotional Challenges, May 13, 2008

<u>GAO-08-713T</u>: Residential Programs: Selected Cases of Death, Abuse, and Deceptive Marketing, April 24, 2008

GAO Audio Clips: Examples of Deceptive Marketing Practices

CBO Report:

Cost Estimate: Ordered Reported by the Committee on Education and Labor

Committee on Education and Labor Hearings:

"Child Abuse and Deceptive Marketing by Residential Programs for Teens" >> April 24, 2008 — Full Committee on Education and Labor

- Opening Statements: Chairman Miller
- Archived Webcast

Witness Testimony:

- Kay Brown, Director, Education, Workforce and Income Security, GAO
- Greg Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO
- Jon Martin-Crawford, Former Program Participant, the Family Foundation School
- <u>Kathryn Whitehead</u>, Former Program Participant, Mountain Mission School
- <u>Christopher Bellonci</u>, MD, Medical Director and Senior Clinical Consultant, Walker School

"Cases of Child Neglect and Abuse at Private Residential Treatment Facilities" >> October 10, 2007 — Full Committee on Education and Labor

- Opening Statements: Chairman Miller
- Archived Webcast

Witness Testimony:

- Greg Kutz, Managing Director, Forensic Audits and Special Investigations, GAO
- Cynthia Harvey, Mother of Child Victim
- Bob Bacon, Father of Child Victim
- Paul Lewis, Father of Child Victim
- <u>Allison Pinto</u>, Research Psychologist & Assistant Research Professor, Louis de la Parte Florida Medical Health Institute
- <u>Jan Moss</u>, Executive Director, National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs

Organization Statements:

Committee Site Listing Support for H.R. 5876:

- · Parents of victims »
- National mental health organizations »
- Child Welfare League of America »
- National Alliance on Mental Illness »
- National Child Abuse Coalition »
- American Bar Association »
- American Psychological Association »
 Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law »
- Community Alliance for the Ethical Treatment of Youth »
- Voices for America's Children »
- American Association of Children's Residential Centers »
- American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry »
- American Academy of Pediatrics »
- Children's Defense Fund »

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

About the Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008 — Committee on Education and Labor

<u>Committee Pamphlet</u>: Keeping Kids Safe: The "Stop Child Abuse in Residential Programs for Teens Act of 2008"

HR 5876 Fact Sheet — Committee on Education and Labor

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

House Education Committee Approves Legislation to Stop Child Abuse in Teen Residential Programs, May 14, 2008

Other Resources:

Cosponsors of H.R. 5876

H.R. 2642 - IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL

(Appropriations – Rep. Obey) (Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: HTML Version, PDF Version

Bill Summary and Status Rules Committee: TBA

Committee: Committee on Appropriations

Committee Staff Contact: 5-2771

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

INFORMATION TO BE ADDED

House Report 110-:

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CRS Reports:

RL34514: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF): Budget and Operations

RL34362: Congressional Oversight and Related Issues Concerning the Prospective

Security Agreement Between the United States and Iraq

RL34460: Current Law and Selected Proposals Extending Unemployment Compensation

RL34340: Extending Unemployment Compensation Benefits During Recessions

RS22849: Medicaid Financing

RL34432: Medicaid Rehabilitation Services

RL34426: Medicaid Targeted Case Management (TCM) Benefits

RS22837: Merida Initiative: Proposed U.S. Anticrime and Counterdrug Assistance for

Mexico and Central America

RL32724: Mexico-U.S. Relations: Issues for Congress

RL34451: Second FY2008 Supplemental Appropriations for Military Operations,

International Affairs, and Other Purposes

RL32800: Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Law: Recent Legislation and Issues

RL33362: Unemployment Insurance: Available Unemployment Benefits and Legislative

RL34063: Veterans' Medical Care: FY2008 Appropriations

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

CBO Report:

(TBA)

Organization Statements:

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Administration Position:

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